

CHAPTER X

THE FLAG ON THE

PEAK

ALL stood motionless, their hearts tense with excitement, their eyes turned towards the northern horizon, listening intently, scarcely breathing.

In the distance a few more shots rang out, the sound borne to them on the faint breath of the breeze.

" It's a ship passing off the coast! " said Captain Gould at length.

" Yes; those reports can only come from a ship," John Block replied; " when night falls, perhaps we shall see her lights/ "

" But couldn't those shots have been fired on land ? " Jenny suggested.

" On land, Jenny dear ?" Fritz exclaimed.

"You mean there may be some land near tMs Island ?"

" I think it is more likely that there is some ship off there to the northward," Captain, Gould said again.

" Why should it have fired the gun **I,** " **James** asked*